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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Labor and Public Employees Committee Public Hearing
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H.B. 5389, An Act Concerning Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning **H.B. 5389, *An Act Concerning Collateral Consequences Of A Criminal Record***. The Judicial Branch has some concerns with the bill as proposed.

Should the Committee decide to act favorably on this bill, we would ask that the Committee consider inserting the following in line 131 after "applicable to any law enforcement agency": "or any employer with respect to the employment of a peace officer as that term is defined in section 53a-3". The purpose of this is to clarify that the Judicial Branch and others can use criminal history information in making hiring decisions regarding peace officers, such as probation officers, who are not law enforcement officers.

Additionally, we wanted to point out to the Committee that Section 2 defines "criminal history record information" differently than it is defined in section 54-142g, as we were unsure if that was the Committee's intent.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.